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Grant of loan to "Kumar Industries," Palghat.

* 117 *Q.*—Sri R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of financial assistance granted to "Kumar Industries," Parli, Palghat, Malabar, by the Government;

(*b*) what the running capital of the company is;

(*c*) on what basis the grant was given;

(*d*) whether the Government have received any interest on the grant; and

(*e*) whether the Government have got any voice in the management of the company?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Messrs. Kumar Industries, Edathara, were granted a loan of rupees one lakh under the provisions of the State Aid to Industries Act.

" (*b*) The running capital of the company as on 31st March 1952 was Rs. 1,71,000.

" (*c*) The loan was granted to the company on the basis of the security valued at Rs. 2,97,647.

" (*d*) The Government have so far received a sum of Rs. 9,713 as interest on the loan.

" (*e*) No, Sir."

Sri R. KRISHNAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether any complaint has come to the notice of the Government regarding the labour dispute now continuing in the Kumar Industries? If so, what are the reasons for the dispute, how many labourers have been retrenched; and have the Government taken any steps to get them reinstated? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

Sri C. V. K. RAO :—" ఈ పరిశ్రమ ఏవిధంగా పనిచేస్తున్నదో మంత్రిగారు చెప్పగలరా ? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government do not participate in or control the management or the affairs of the company. The assets of the company are hypothecated to the Government; they are periodically inspected in order to ensure that they are intact and are maintained in sound condition."

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Is the insistence on the payment of interest the only demand which Government make when they make the grants, or do the Government have any general control during the period of these grants? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I stated in my reply that the Government have received Rs. 9,000 and odd as interest, because that was the question asked. But the company has so far paid Rs. 12,950 in two instalments which fell

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due on the 1st February 1951 and 1st February 1952. As I said, our inspectors are only concerned with seeing that the Government money is secured. This is a private concern which works on its own responsibility."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know whether the Government have got any information as to whether this concern is working satisfactorily?"

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I would like to have notice of the question, Sir."

Construction of a bridge at Kanayangode Ferry, North Malabar.

* 118 Q.—Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the District Board of Malabar requested the Government for any subsidy for the construction of a bridge at Kanayangode Ferry, North Malabar, and if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The Malabar District Board has not made any request to Government for a grant for the work."

Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" May I know if the Highways Department has any scheme under contemplation for the construction of the bridge?"

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Recognition of associations of Government servants.

* 119 Q.—Sri K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a Government Order laying down that no association of Government servants should be formed unless prior permission for the formation of the association is applied for and obtained;

(b) what are the conditions that an intended organization of Government servants should fulfil before permission for an association can be given; and

(c) whether any changes in the orders were effected after the Indian Constitution came into force, and if so, what they are?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) & (b) There is no Government Order prohibiting the formation of any association, but the Government have prescribed certain conditions for the recognition of associations of Government employees. A copy of the Government Order [a] containing the instructions is placed on the table of the House.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 501-502 infra.